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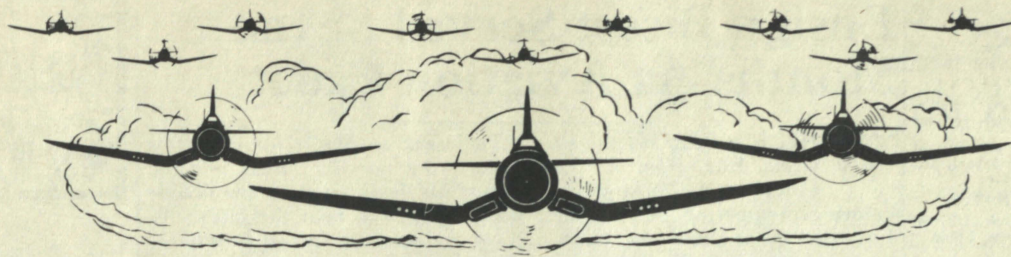
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Thirteen Officers Are Detached and Seven Come Aboard

The exodus of officers hit a new high this week when thirteen were detached for duty elsewhere. A majority of the officers go to Naval Air Stations but at least two are scheduled for sea duty following the required training.

Those detached and their destinations: Lieut. W. A. Wood, Lieut. (jg) J. A. Weiershauser and Lieut. (jg) S. M. Kirby, San Diego; Lieut. A. S. Keck, Norfolk, Va.; Lieut. (jg) H. R. Kyr, Alameda; Lieut. (jg) R. E. Crouch and Ens. R. I. Balsey, Livermore; Lieut. (jg) G. E. Thompson, Norman; Ens. D. M. B. Scott, Pasco; Ens. R. A. Mott, Dallas; Ens. T. H. Sauer, Glenview; Ens. C. R. Smith, Hutchinson; and Ens. R. C. Colyar, St. Louis.

The three officers arriving this week from Chapel Hill and their assignments: Lieut. (jg) C. E. Mc-Aboy and Ens. W. E. Foster, Twelfth Battalion, and Ens. J. R. Bisset, Eleventh Battalion.

Coming aboard from Navigation School, Hollywood, Fla., were Lieut. (jg) Robert C. Ocock, Lieut. Kellogg W. Hunt and Lieut. (jg) M. Abrahams.

Changes in officer assignments included the appointment of Lieut. C. R. Walter as senior watch and schedule officer and assistant to the regimental officer, replacing Lieut. Meyers who last week was made the First Lieutenant. Lieut. R. C. T. Brown will continue in the Military department under special assignment.

Other shifts: Ens. Shafer from track to athletic personnel; Ens. Werner from Ship's Store to mass exercise; Ens. Clayton from athletics department to Ship's Store; Ens. Harris from athletics to military; Lieut. (jg) Graham from track to mass exercise; and Lieut. (jg) Cassell to replace Lieut. Wood as A Company officer.

"Dead-eye Dick" Colyar

Ens. R. C. Colyar, detached this week, leaves one of the best scores made on a rifle range by an "amateur." In four days of shooting he hit 67 bullseyes out of a possible 75.

A Navy Flier's Creed

I am a United States Navy flier.

My countrymen built the best airplane in the world and entrusted it to me.

They trained me to fly it. I will use it to the absolute limit of my power.

With my fellow pilots, air crews and deck crew, my plane and I will do anything necessary to carry out our tremendous responsibilities. I will always remember we are part of an unbeatable combat team—the United States Navy.

When the going is fast and rough, I will not falter. I will be uncompromising in every blow I strike. I will be humble in victory.

I am a United States Navy flier. I have dedicated myself to my country, with its many millions of all races, colors and creeds. They and their way of life are worthy of my greatest protective effort.

I ask the help of God in making that effort great enough.

(The following is from the August 28 edition of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.)

THE above creed, now being made public in connection with the thirtieth anniversary of U. S. Navy aviation, is not the creation of some brass hat, but a spontaneous expression of an actual Navy flier, who prefers to remain anonymous. When it came to the attention of officers of the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics, they were deeply impressed by its message of faith and devotion to duty. The new creed will figure prominently in a celebration commemorating the anniversary, which falls on Monday, August thirtieth.

Few people previously were

aware that the seeds of our present large and expanding Navy air force had been planted a full thirty years ago. The first step was taken on August 30, 1913, by the General Board of the Navy Department, whose senior member was Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila. The board, which had been studying the air activities of other nations, recommended "the organization of a Naval Air Service suited to the needs of the Navy in war." Therecommendation went through; on October ninth of that same year, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as Acting Secretary of the Navy, appointed a board to draw up plans and specifications for the service.

Fifteenth Battalion Reports to Lt. Smith In the Saratoga

The 235 cadets making up the Fifteenth Battalion came aboard this week to replace the departed Ninth in the Saratoga. In command of the freshman battalion is Lieut. D. E. Smith, who chaperoned the Ninth during most of its 3-month stay here.

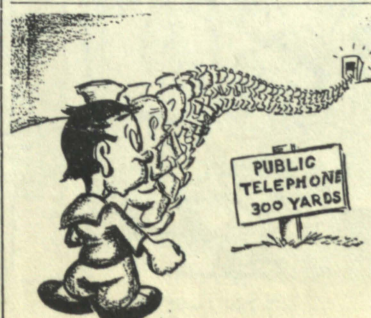


LIEUT. D. E. SMITH
He commands the Fifteenth

Lieut. Smith was graduated from Central Oklahoma State College and attended UCLA and USC. He was a member of the athletics department of his alma mater when commissioned.

On Lieut. Smith's staff as com-

pany officers are Lieut. Nemir, F Company, and Lieut. (jg) Schoon, E Company. The platoon officers are Lieut. (jg) Zillmer and the following ensigns: Chambers, Rasmussen, Walker, Semancik, Wyatt and Harris. Lt. Grimsley is attached to the battalion as a temporary company officer.



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Delay Orders Now Available for All Cadets On Leave

In announcing the new leave policy two weeks ago, it was stated that a request had been made that cadets going on leave be transferred on orders providing a two week's delay to allow cadets to go direct to their next station without returning to Del Monte. Lieut. Comdr. Fitzhugh, executive officer, now has announced that such orders have been authorized.

Cadets will receive reimbursement of three cents per mile for the shortest route usually travelled to the primary station, but the total fare must be paid here and cadets will apply for reimbursement after reaching their destination. Subsistence allowance is also authorized.

It is planned that the number of cadets going direct by draft will gradually decrease, while those going on two week's delayed orders will gradually increase until, after several months, all cadets will receive the two week's delayed orders. In the meantime, it will be those at the top of the class who will rate leave, although they can pass it up if they wish. This leave will not be given cadets who had approximately two weeks' leave between W. T. S. school and Pre-Flight school.

The leaves of five cadets will be held up until all drafts have been detached (on the Sunday following graduation). These five cadets will be retained to act as last-minute substitutes for any members of the draft who may have to be held over because of injuries, sickness, etc.

Applications for reservations will be made on the Thursday before graduation by the Transportation Officer. Leave will not commence until just time to make the reservation obtained, which in some cases may be as late as the Monday following graduation.

Indications at present are that additional cadets are now needed at Primary and Intermediate training because of the recent discharges by request. Therefore, it is possible that all cadets will have to be sent direct by draft from the Tenth and one or two subsequent battalions.

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They Forgot A Weapon

By CHAPLAIN WARREN L. WOLF

THE Axis powers have been diligently perfecting modern means of destruction. They perfected such things as flame throwers, tank destroyers, fighter planes and exceptional equipment by which the enemy could be destroyed. In all these things they seemed most proficient, yet we have matched them as time goes on, and very often have out-stepped them; for in their desire for world conquest they forgot a weapon which it seems will cause them to be defeated.

We have remembered that weapon, and seem to recall it, to use increasingly as the days of the war continue. For the reports that come to us from the battle zones tell us of its use. The sincerity evidenced here indicates its value. That weapon is only the simple thing called prayer.

One of the simplest prayers that has come to my attention recently reads:

O Lord, Thou knowest how busy we must be this day,
If we forget Thee, do not Thou forget us. AMEN.

That would seem to be of little import, but yet it has tremendous value, for it indicates that modern fighting men of the Allied cause have not forgotten the presence of Someone on whom they can rely. It is that weapon remembered by us and forgotten by them which begins to fortell the ultimate outcome of victory.

Men are not afraid to pray today, whether it be with their buddies in fox holes, or on life rafts, or in the quiet of their rooms, for we have found the value of putting our thoughts in Him who can be trusted.

And as we go on from one stage of life and then to other stages, it is well for us to remember this weapon, to use it, to develop and to practice it whenever possible. Someone suggested the elements that go to make up this weapon:

- First—A certain time of each day.
- Second—A definite place.
- Third—A real need, whether it be thanks or assistance.
- Fourth—A personal sincerity.

When we apply these four stages then the weapon is complete. It is then that we have means to help us when other weapons might fail. Many fighting men use it. Why not you?

Ensign Bisset Served Seven Months As Aviation Cadet

WHILE enroute to the O. O. D.'s desk to report for duty this week, Ens. John R. Bisset heard the familiar "Bear a hand, cadet!" and almost started toward his destination on the double before remembering he no longer was required to beat the late bells. His reaction to the order was a natural one because for seven months he toiled from reveille to taps as an aviation cadet.

Sworn in last June, Bisset reported for pre-flight training at the Chapel Hill, N. C., school in September with the Tenth Battalion and, after three strenuous (1) months, was transferred to NAS, Hutchinson, Kans., for primary flight training.

At Hutchinson, Bisset found he wasn't designed to drive an airplane. He was on the top side in the classroom, but when it came to keeping his craft on an even keel he was found lacking. (At the present time this fault would have been found during training at a W. T. S. school but when Bisset became a cadet no such schools were in existence.)

After getting the thumbs down from his flight instructor, Cadet Bisset applied for a commission as a V-5 instructor, received the recommendation from his commanding officer and was made an ensign last June. Then back to Chapel Hill (where he served as a cadet) for the indoctrination course for officers.

A graduate of Muhlenberg College in 1942, Ens. Bisset captained the '41 football team and was a basketball letterman. He now is a platoon officer with the Eleventh.

Cadet Jack Sets New 150-Yard Dash Mark

J. H. Elser, who as a member of the Helldiver squadron set the record for the 150-yard dash, this week saw this mark of 15.9 seconds scratched off the books by another Helldiver speedster, Dale R. Jack, I-3, Glendora, Calif.

Cadet Jack, former track star at Citrus Union high school, Azusa, Calif., covered the distance in 15.7 seconds.

Divine Services

0855—Fourteenth and Fifteenth Battalions.
0940—Twelfth and Thirteenth Battalions.
1025—Tenth and Eleventh Battalions.
0935—Catholic, Bali Room.
0940—Jewish, Chaplain's Office.
1045—Episcopal, St. John's Chapel.
1315—Latter Day Saints, Powers Hall.
1900—Christian Science, Powers Hall.



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An ex-cadet comes aboard . . . Ens. J. R. Bisset.

California Cadets Command Thirteenth

Spotlight positions as cadet officers of the Thirteenth are dominated by the Californians who have been assigned the posts of battalion and company commanders.

Biggest of the Thirteenth's big guns is big, tough R. A. Ragus, A-3, Los Angeles, who as battalion commander, has the job of making the battalion "the best on the base." On the staff are W. T. Bartlett, A-2, Crockett, Calif., battalion sub-commander, and G. B. Potter, A-2, Spirit Lake, Iowa, battalion adjutant.

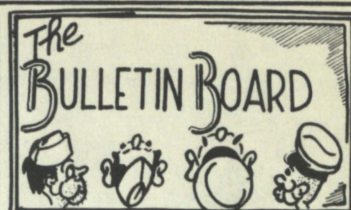
A Company's commander is Robert Stewart Allen, A-1, Culver City, Calif. Allen's staff has M. C. Williams, A-1, Milford, Ill., as sub-commander, and C. T. Hughes, A-3, Borger, Texas, as company C. P. O.

In command of B Company is the former Laguna Beach High School star athlete, John Dower, B-3, Laguna Beach, Calif. On Dower's staff are N. P. Johnson, B-3, Volin, S. D., sub-commander, and E. H. Caywood, B-1, Bryan, Texas, C. P. O.

TAXI RATES POSTED

Charts designating taxi service zones and rates charged by Monterey cab companies have been placed on bulletin boards for the information of cadets, enlisted personnel and officers. The rates apply to 1-stop trips, one to five passengers, and additional charges are in order for extra stops, waiting time and excess baggage.

All hands are requested to report any overcharges to the Transportation Officer.



TODAY

Aboard

Movie—"More the Merrier," Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea. Showings at 1620 and 1910 for all battalions except Fifteenth, and 2115 for officers, Ship's Company, guests.

Ashore

Carmel Theater—"Amazing Mrs. Holliday."

State Theater—"Ox Bow Incident."

TOMORROW

Aboard

Movie—"Saludos Amigos," Walt Disney's all-cartoon show. Showings at 1310 for all battalions except Fifteenth and 1500 for cadets, officers, Ship's Company, guests.

Ashore

1430-1700—Tenth's graduation dance, Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

1300-1700—Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel.

State Theater—"The Human Comedy."

Carmel Theater—"Slightly Dangerous."

TUESDAY

Aboard

1830—Softball, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce vs. Pre-Flight Sailors, Pacific Grove.

FRIDAY

Aboard

1900—Happy Hour featuring Ship's Company Orchestra.

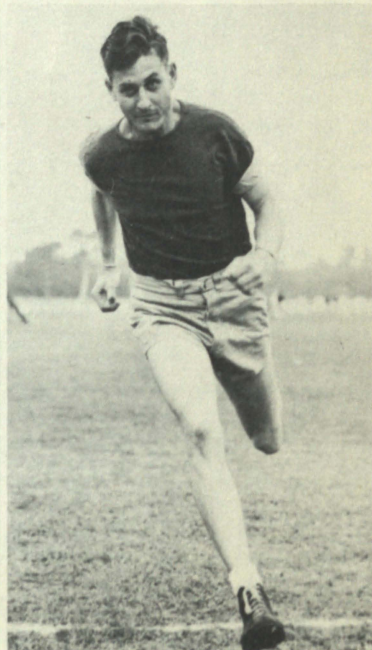
Ashore

2100—Officers dance, Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

SATURDAY

Ashore

1600—Softball, Winston vs. Pre-Flight Sailors, Pacific Grove.



A Helldiver on the loose . . . Cadet Dale R. Jack, holder of the new 150-yard dash mark of 15.7 seconds.

Scrimmage Session Marks Varsity Grid Workouts

Varsity football got underway with a bang this week as Lieut. Bill Kern began putting some fifty pigskin participants through their initial rough-and-tough practice session of the season.

Outstanding among the luminaries on the prospective cadet eleven is Cadet Fred Meyers, K-2, Beverly Hills, Calif., left end, a former All-Pacific Coast Conference end in 1940 and 1941. Meyers' outstanding play during these two seasons, and his exceptional showing in the Rose Bowl, when his team beat Nebraska, got him a berth on the 1941 College All-Star team.

Pro ball talent scouts pegged Meyers early and he signed with the Philadelphia Eagles. While with this aggregation Meyer played regular end during the 1942 season, was impressive enough to be selected to play in the Pro-Bowl game.

Lieut. Scull Is Added To Varsity Grid Staff

Lieut. (jg) Paul T. Scull, former University of Pennsylvania football captain, has been added to the varsity football coaching staff. A graduate of Penn in 1929, Lt. Scull captained the team in 1928 and was a member of the All-American eleven selected by Collier's magazine.

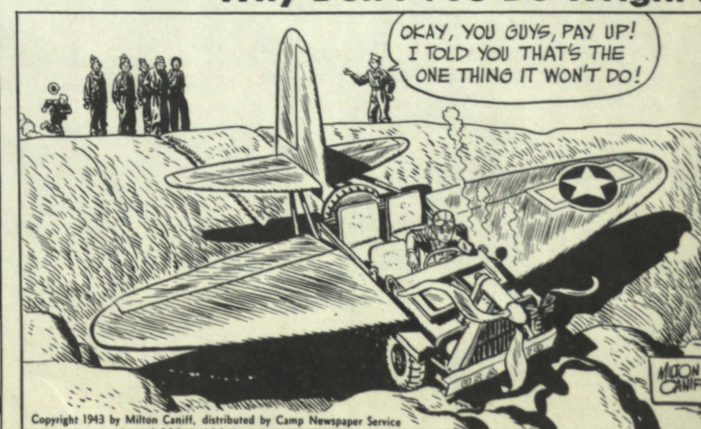
He was an assistant football coach at his alma mater from 1930 to 1936. The varsity staff now includes Lieut. Kern, head coach; Lieut. Humphreys, Lieut. Brown, Lieut. (jg) Baker, Lieut. (jg) Simpson, Ens. Youel and Lieut. (jg) Scull.

Army-Navy Dance Saturday

The Army-Navy officers dance at the Carmel Mission will be held next Saturday, September 4, instead of tonight.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



ACTION ON THE MAT—The Mustangs' O. K. Weld, pride of Paul's Valley, Okla., gives the business to the Catalinas' R. M. Hacker, Auburn, Neb., in last Friday's Bombardier tournament. The referee is Lieut. (jg) Edwards, former mat star at Kansas State and coach of several championship teams at Wichita high school.

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Scoring Spree Moves Mariners Up In Standings

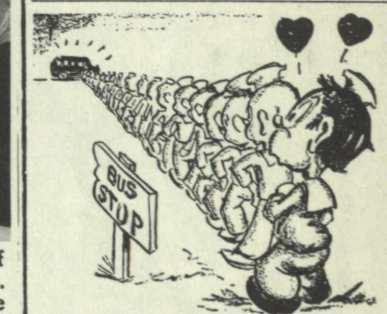
The Mariners last week staged a scoring spurt netting fifty-five points and topped all squadrons in the Sports Program competition. Defeated in only one of nine meets, the Mariners moved from tenth to seventh in the standings and were making a strong bid for a first division berth when competition resumed this week.

A stalwart Mariner who is a big clog in the squadron's football machine is Cadet Wayne Rose, J-2, Burk-burrett, Texas, who lettered two years in football at Tulsa University after starring at Burkurett high school and Kilgore Junior College.

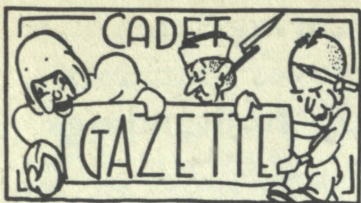
The names Buffalo and Skyrocket were discarded this week and the Fifteenth will go into competition under new titles. Company E., once the Buffaloes, will be the Corsairs and Company F, once the Skyrockets, will be the Dauntless squadron.

With the graduation of the Tenth, the Buccaneers will become the Avengers and the Devastators will be the Seagulls.

The standings at the close of action last week showed the now-graduated Buffaloes at the top with 435 points followed by the Skyrockets, Buccaneers and Devastators.



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Aquatic Scene

Scene: Swimming pool.
Time: Swimming time.
Characters: Lieut. "Swimming" Smith, Ens. "Up-easy-out-easy" Sargeant, rookie cadets of the happy (?) Thirteenth, who, as kids, had loved the water.

Sarg: (Cheerfully) We expect you cadets to pass these tests according to our specifications—if you can't—well, you were a nice kid—but—(always gagging).

Cadet: Cadet Slaughter, Sir, if we can't pass these tests, will be given a chance to learn, Sir? (with eagerness.)

Sarg: You see that cadet over there? Well he didn't get those web feet because his mother used to have goose pimples.

(Laughter here—you know, the kind you give a prof who tries to play the comic.)

Sarg: And now since there are no more questions, I'll turn you over to Lieut. Smith.

Smith: Our first test is what we call the DIOWOE test, or in other words, the "do-it-our-way-or-else" test. (Pauses, waits for words to make their full impression.) Mr. Sargeant will demonstrate for you in land drill.

(The instructors aren't going into the water this season.)

(Demonstration follows. The cadets, of course, get a clear picture of what they're to do.)

Sarg: (Beaming) Simple, isn't it? O. K., all cadets in the water, bear a hand!

(At this point, unaware of what was in store

for them, the happy cadets plunge into the pool, begin to frolic, and play.)

Sarg: (Blowing very loud whistle.) You don't enjoy this water unless given the command, and then only in platoon formation. Secure to the bulkhead for instruction.

Smith: In your first test you will demonstrate the strokes shown in the land drill. Count off by fours.

(Those cadets who can count to four comply, swimming begins, the cadets splash their way across the pool.)

Smith: No, cadet, no, cadet, no—raise your hand, cadet, raise your hand, cadet—

(This is a difficult trick since you are using both hands for swimming—but you obey instructions—by this time you're a Navy man all the way.)

Sarg: (Completely exasperated) Cadet, cadet, what's your name, cadet? (Evidently addressing a cadet.)

Cadet: Cadet Murel Brown, Sir, two years pro-ball with the Frisco Seals, star tailback of Belmont High in '39, all around athlete, and —. (Brown never misses an opportunity.)

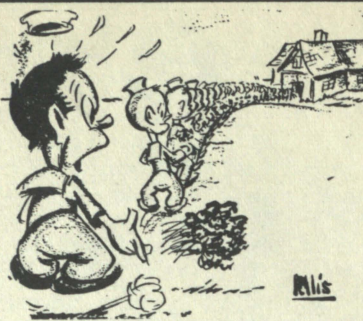
Sarg: I'm not interviewing you, cadet—can't you follow instructions? Now watch me—up, out, together (with gestures)—see how easy? Try it again.

(The cadets are separated into "swimmers" and "sub-swimmers." Mr. Sargeant takes the "subs," Mr. Smith takes the other two cadets down to the deep end.)

Sarg: Secure yourselves. O. K., now everybody together. Up easy, out easy, squeeze, glide; up easy, out easy, squeeze glide. Up easy, etc.

(Everybody working now, what a machine! General Bedlam sets in (an old friend), and we take one last look at that happy group of cadets.)

Voices (From everywhere.) No, no, cadet, no—up easy, out easy, squeeze, glide—no, cadet, damn, no—point those toes, cadet—cadet,

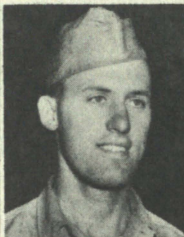


—The Beam (NAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.)
(!!!!)

keep your feet below your posterior extremities—cadet—cadet—cadet—cadet—

(And so another happy day in the life of a cadet draws to a close.)

"On the land . . . from the sea . . . and in the air" will the war be fought soon by four sons of at least one Illinois family, when Cadet Marvin Laroy Millman, D-2, acquires his wings.



CADET MILLMAN
His is a 4-star family service.

Brother Peter is a private in the Marines now in training. The Army is represented by Brother Paul, a private.

The third brother, John, PhM1c, was aboard the U. S. S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, December 7.

Come those wings, Cadet Marvin

The Tenth's Dallam Commands Regiment

As commander of the Tenth, Raymond D. Dallam, G-3, Stockton, Calif., now serves in the capacity as cadet regimental commander on the staff appointed by Lieut. Comdr. Forsberg, the regimental officer.



CADET DALLAM
In command of the regiment

John H. Brewington, J-2, Waco, Texas, commander of the Eleventh, is the cadet sub-regimental commander and Charles A. Griffin, K-1, Florence, Ariz., commander of the Twelfth, is the cadet regimental adjutant.

Navy Bridge, Sept. 17

A bridge party for Navy wives is scheduled for the Del Monte Lodge, September 17.

will be asking for carrier or patrol duty "somewhere in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor."

The brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Millman of Kewanee, Ill.

Things You Should Know—The Navy has a new rifle which fires so rapidly, they say, that it shoots eight times before you realize you didn't know it was loaded. . . . Coming movies: Destroyer, Heaven Can Wait, Holy Matrimony, Dixie, Let's Face It.

